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Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis
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RE: CSXT Proposed Abandonment - Harlan County, Kentucky.
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub No. 667X)

Gentlemen:

This refers to CSX Transportation's Notice of Exemption filed on April 21, 2006, requesting authority to abandon its rail line described above.

Attached is a letter received June 6, 2006, from the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service in Cookeville, Tennessee stating "*No significant adverse impacts to wetlands or federally listed endangered species or threatened species are anticipated from this proposal.*"

Sincerely,

Attachment

Copy: Mr. Lou Gitomer, 1455 F Street N.W., Suite 225, Washington, DC 20005
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March 22, 2006

U.S. Department of the Interior
Fish & Wildlife Service
446 Neal Street
Cookeville, TN 38501

RE: CSX Transportation, Inc.
Proposed Abandonment
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub. No. 667X)

Gentlemen:

Please be advised that on April 21, 2006, CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) expects to file with the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon 12.56 miles of railroad from Railroad Milepost OWH 258.5 to the end of track at Railroad Milepost OWH 271.06 in Harlan County, Kentucky.

Attached is a preliminary Environmental Report describing the proposed action and any expected environmental effects. We are providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the Board's independent environmental analysis of this proceeding. Before this Report is finalized and submitted to the Board, we will incorporate into it any comments that we receive from you. Your comments will be considered by the Board in evaluating the environmental impacts of the contemplated action. If any of the information is incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the Board's environmental review process, please contact the Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, telephone (202) 565-1545 and refer to the above Docket Numbers. Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your comments to SEA (with copy to me) within three weeks would be appreciated.

If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact me directly by telephone at (904) 359-1086, or by mail at the above address.

Sincerely,

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No significant adverse impacts to wetlands or federally listed endangered or threatened species are anticipated from this proposal.

for Date June 6, 2006
Field Supervisor
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Frankfort, KY 40601